

June 25, 2007

Ms. Amy M. Bennett
Standards Coordinator
Bureau of Water
South Carolina Department of Health
and Environmental Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Triennial Review of South Carolina Regulation 61-68, *Water Classification and Standards*
and South Carolina Regulation 61-69, *Classified Waters*

Dear Ms. Bennett:

The following comments are provided on behalf of the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance (SCMA) Environmental Committee. Proposed changes are being conducted as part of an effort that SCDHEC is undertaking to amend specific sections of R.61-68, *Water Classifications and Standards*, and sections of R.61-69, *Classified Waters*.

The SCMA, with over 115 members, represents a very diverse group of manufacturers with interests in South Carolina. Many member companies are directly impacted by these water regulations. SCMA understands that SCDHEC must review and revise South Carolina's existing water quality standards regulations every three years in order to comply with Section 303(c)(2)(B) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA).

SCMA requests that the Department not lower the thallium standard and instead consider technical justification from one or more stakeholders that may provide the rationale for a thallium water quality standard less restrictive than the Department's proposed thallium standard. In closing, SCMA also asks that the Department exempt permitted entities with a history of WET testing compliance from numerical water quality standards for metals, such as copper.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide additional comments in this very important rule making process. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (803) 799-9695.

Sincerely,

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Director of Government Relations